

# SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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# **BUDGETS**

## SB 235 (Johnson)

## Capitol Outlay budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 235 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 235 passed [RC 59: 35 yes, 2 no (Cassis, Patterson)].

#### **HB 4308 (Hummel)**

# Supplemental budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- McManus 2 (1 amend) was adopted. Intent language: Keep funding for the private contract for the Michigan Youth Correction Facility in McManus's district (Baldwin).
- HB 4308 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- HB 4308 passed [RC 58: 36 yes, 1 no (Patterson)].

# FINAL PASSAGE

#### SB 199 (Gilbert)

SB 199 would allow restaurants licensed to sell wine on the premises could allow an individual to remove from the premises a partially consumed bottle of wine that he or she had purchased with a meal. The person would have to reinsert the cork so that the top of it was level with the lip of the bottle.

• SB 199 passed [RC 61: 36 yes, 1 no (Toy)].

## SB 282 (Gilbert)

SB 282 would create general permits for activities with minimal risks of adverse impacts on the waters of the state, including: landscaping, minor household maintenance, minor soil stabilization, seawall maintenance. The bill also makes certain landscaping and gardening activities completely exempt from permits.

• BRATER 1 (1 amend) was withdrawn.

- BRATER 2 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 62: 16 yes, 21 no (gop)].
- SB 282 passed [RC 63: 22 yes, 15 no].

# HB 4413 (Schuitmaker)

HB 4413 would extend from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2009, the deadline for a defendant convicted of a felony at trial, who is serving a prison sentence for that felony, to petition the circuit court to order DNA testing of biological material identified during the investigation that led to his or her conviction, and for a new trial based on the results of that testing.

• HB 4413 passed with IE [RC 60: 37 yes, 0 no].

# RESOLUTIONS

## SCR 13 (Johnson)

SCR 13 would increase the total authorized project cost for the General Campus Renovation project at St. Clair County Community College by \$4.0 million: from \$9.0 million to \$13.0 million. This represents a 44% increase in the total project cost, and will be paid entirely from college sources.

• SCR 13 was adopted [RC 65: 37 yes, 0 no].

## SCR 15 (Sikkema)

#### **Auditor General**

• The Senate confirmed the appointment of Thomas McTavish as Auditor General [RC 64: 37 yes, 0 no].